

**LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION, INC.
2011 MEMBERSHIP LETTER
ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 2, 2011
9:00 A.M. IN THE CRANDON SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

ROUND GOBY



SCULPIN



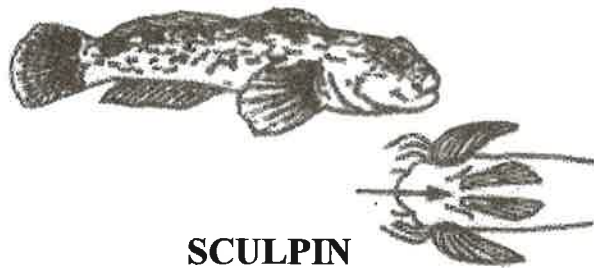
LOOK ALIKE - BUT ONE IS AN INVASIVE

Native vs Invasive – The sculpin is a native freshwater fish that was found in Lake Metonga in 2010 on the east side by Gerald Andrews. The coloration of this mottled sculpin is light to dark brown, with darker mottling on the back and sides, becoming light to even white on the belly. The sculpin can grow to 4 to 6 inches. It is a benthic (Lake Bottom Feeder) subsisting mainly on aquatic insect larvae. Mike Preul, Fishery Biologist, indicated that sculpins are food for other game fish and he has found sculpins in the stomachs of walleye, bass, etc. So if you catch or net one, the important consideration is whether it is a native or an invasive round goby.

It can be difficult to distinguish between round gobies and sculpins, but the goby's fused pelvic fin is the best way to tell them apart.



ROUND GOBY



SCULPIN

Round gobies are bottom dwelling fish that perch on rocks and other substrate. A unique feature is that their fused pelvic bottom fin forms a suctorial disc (sucking or clinging by suction) which aids in anchoring the fish to the substrate.

The round goby may pose a serious threat to the Great Lakes and to inland Wisconsin waters. Fortunately, it has not been found in Metonga's waters. They are aggressive fish and voracious feeders. They will defend spawning sites in rocky or gravel habitats; thereby, restricting access of other fish to prime spawning areas. They eat the eggs of other fish and also young fish and insect larvae. A female will spawn multiple times during a season and produce 300 to 5,000 eggs.

It becomes evident and extremely important that Clean Boats-Clean Waters inspections are performed on boats, trailers and personal water craft when this equipment enters and leaves Lake Metonga. Water should be drained from boats, bilges, live wells, and bait containers before entering Lake Metonga so that eggs and larvae do not enter the Lake.

Boat Launch Inspectors – A plea was made in the Spring Newsletter to Association members and to anyone else who may know someone who would be interested in becoming a Clean Boats-Clean Waters boat launch inspector. The inspectors would be paid bi-weekly at a rate of \$8.50 per hour beginning June 3, 2011. However, no one responded to this request, so it was necessary to recruit two people. They are: Steve Kircher of Crandon and Ben Konitzer of Wabeno. Inspections started on Friday, May 28, 2011. A work schedule has been set for the period from May 28 thru September 11, 2011 with emphasis on weekends and holidays when boat traffic is the heaviest. Also, inspection report forms must be completed as this data must be logged into the WDNR website by the Association. Time sheets are provided for the inspectors to log hours worked. The inspectors are hired under contract, and therefore, are responsible for reporting income for local, state and federal taxes under applicable income tax rules and regulations. Lake Metonga Association will provide a 1099 Income Statement at year's end.

Bullhead Harvest – 2011 – Mike Preul, Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Fishery Biologist, is planning to use the Tribe's electro-shocking boat to harvest bullheads during June 2011. Harvests were done in 2008, 2009 and 2010. A total of 22,000 pounds of bullheads (approximately 20,000 bullheads) were harvested in that three year period. Some of the harvested bullheads will be distributed to the Raptors Educational Group, Inc. in Antigo to be used as food for the injured eagles, hawks, owls and other birds of prey. The remaining harvest will be distributed to local area residents at no charge at the County Park boat launch

be distributed to local area residents at no charge at the County Park boat launch on the south end of Lake Metonga. Information as to time of that distribution will be listed in the local newspapers. We thank Mike for all his effort, time and dedication to this project.

FUN - FOOD - RAFFLES



OUR BOAT PARADE , FESTIVITIES AND COOKOUT ARE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011 - STARTING TIME IS 2:00 P.M.

1. All decorated entries are to meet at Beachside Bar and Grill at the south end of the Lake. Dave Patzlaff will give each entrant a numbered card. Please call Dave at 715-478-2021 prior to July 3rd to indicate your participation in the boat parade and/or cookout.
2. The boats will parade counterclockwise around the Lake past the Judge's Stand in Strawberry Bluff Bay. Display the numbered card you've been assigned as you pass the Judges Stand. Please parade close to shore all around the Lake so that the judges and people around the Lake can fully appreciate your designs.
3. The parade route will end at Beachside Bar and Grill at approximately 3:00 p.m. where the festivities and cookout are already in progress. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries: 1st place - \$50.00; 2nd place - \$30.00; and 3rd place - \$20.00. All Association members are welcome at the cookout and festivities even though you did not participate in the parade. Non-members are welcome to join in the fun. Donations are welcome and membership applications will be available. Tim Leonardelli and his Blue Ribbon Staff of Helpers will hold a Mini-Arts/Crafts Raffle and Children's Raffle and Games at the cookout. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a High-Low dice game, Bingo, Meat and Freezer Raffle and other prizes. Please bring a lawn chair for seating comfort. Call Tim to confirm that you are willing to help with the cookout and raffles (262-389-0707).
4. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Annual Meeting. In case of bad weather, the boat parade and cookout will be moved to Monday, July 4, at 2:00 p.m.

FUND RAISERS

A number of raffles are planned for this year. The funds raised are used to chemically treat Eurasian Water Milfoil and support the zebra mussel study.



GUN RAFFLE – Only 450 tickets will be sold so the odds of winning are excellent. A total of 21 prizes will be awarded. Prizes include 9 guns, 2 hand guns, rod and reel combo, Gander Mountain \$100.00 Gift Cards and many other prizes. Each ticket sells for \$20.00. A list of prizes is included in this newsletter. Winners will receive a certificate for the awarded prize or a Gander Mountain gift card. The certificate may be traded for any other merchandise up to the value of the prize at Grand Mountain in Appleton (can be seen from Highway 41). Prize winners may choose to pay an additional amount for merchandise of greater value.

If you prefer to get your prize at another Gander Mountain Store, you can fax or mail a copy of your prize certificate to the Appleton store and a gift card will be mailed to you in the amount of the value of the prize you won. The address and phone number of the Gander Mountain store in Appleton will be on the original certificate.

Raffle tickets will be available at our Annual Meeting. Association members are asked to assist with the ticket sales. Please contact Les Schramm at 715-478-5197 if you wish to purchase and/or assist in selling raffle tickets. The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. at Art in the Square on September 17th.

KENTUCK DAYS – July 30th and ART IN THE SQUARE – September 17, 2011
The Association will have a booth at both of these events. In addition to selling the gun raffle tickets, mini-raffles will also be held at the two events. Please volunteer to assist at these fund raisers. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Annual Meeting and/or call Donna Schramm at 715-478-5197 to volunteer an hour or two. Help is also needed for setup and take down of the booth.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Two officer positions, President, Treasurer and one director position are up for election this year at the Annual Meeting. These positions are 2-year terms. Please consider accepting one of these Board positions.

FALL WALLEYE BANQUET – The Association is planning an October Walleye Banquet. The exact date and time are in the planning stage. This will be finalized by the July 2, 2011 Annual Meeting and tickets will be available at the Annual Meeting, Cook-Out, Kentuck Days and Art in the Square. Again this year all seats will be reserved. The September Newsletter will include details. Ticket information will be posted on the website. (www.LakeMetongaWI.org)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – This is your annual opportunity to continue your membership in the Lake Association and to make a contribution in support of the efforts to control the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil and monitor the zebra mussel infestation. At the 2010 Annual Meeting, the membership voted to increase the Annual Membership Fee to \$25.00. If you are new to the Lake or haven't taken the opportunity to join previously, please consider supporting the Association's efforts. It is vital that we preserve and protect Lake Metonga now and for future generations. All donations continue to be tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.

SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY,

JULY 2ND AT 9 A.M.

JOIN IN THE BOAT PARADE AND IN THE FUN AND FESTIVITIES

AT THE COOKOUT ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 3RD,

THE BOAT PARADE STARTS AT 2:00 P.M. INCLUDING

THE FUN FESTIVITIES AND COOK AT BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL

Les Schramm

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION RAFFLE
TICKET SALES LIMITED TO 450
TICKETS \$20 EACH

DRAWING AT 3 P.M. - ART IN THE SQUARE, CRANDON – SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

- (1) Benelli Nova 12 gauge Shot-gun.**
- (2) Rossi Wizzard 30/06 Rifle.**
- (3) Bear – Charger / Ready to Hunt Bow Package.**
- (4) Ruger LCP 380 Caliber Hand Gun.**
- (5) Abu Garcia Bait Caster Rod/Reel Combo.**
- (6) Gander Mountain \$100.00 Gift Card.**
- (7) Ruger 10/22 Stainless Rifle.**
- (8) Primos “Harry” Deer Decoy.**
- (9) Remington 870 Express Shotgun.**
- (10) Heritage Rough Rider 22 Caliber Hand Gun.**
- (11) Gander Mountain \$100.00 Gift Card.**
- (12) Mossberg 500 .410 Shot-gun.**
- (13) H & R Excell Auto 12 gauge Shot-gun.**
- (14) Coleman Paul Jr. Road Trip Grill.**
- (15) Gander Mountain \$100.00 Gift Card.**
- (16) Remington 770 270 win Rifle.**
- (17) Package: Gander Mountain #5 Meat Grinder.**
- (18) CVA Optima Elite 45/70 Gov Rifle.**
- (19) Eagle Fish Easy 245 DS.**
- (20) Savage 200 7mm 08 Rifle.**
- (21) Gander Mountain \$100.00 Gift Card.**

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2011 LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address:

If Seasonal, Lake Address (Fire Number & Street):

Permanent Phone:

Seasonal Phone:

To assist in reducing mailing costs with the newsletters and to keep you updated with information about Lake Metonga and the Association, we would like to enroll you for e-info. Please provide your Email Address (for Association use only) _____ . We will then email you the full newsletter and email you with any important interim updates.

I am interested in assisting the association with:

I would like more information about:

Please check all that may apply:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days	<input type="checkbox"/> Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days
<input type="checkbox"/> Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Commentary	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Quality/ Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Annual Membership Fee for 2011 -----\$ 25.00

Donation for protection and preservation of our lake -----\$ _____

Total Payment Enclosed -----\$ _____

Business Members- Would you like to advertise your business on the Lake Metonga Association Website? For \$25, we will list your business card or logo on our supporters' page and encourage members to do business with you, as a Lake Metonga Supporter.

Annual Membership Fee for 2011- Business ----- \$ 25.00

Advertising Opportunity for 2011 (optional)- Business ----- \$ 25.00

Donation for protection and preservation of our lake ----- \$ _____

Total Payment Enclosed ----- \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!

Donations are tax deductible 501(c)(3)

Make checks payable to: Lake Metonga Association, Inc

Mail to: Treasurer, Kim Reed, 6670 Wintergreen Trail, Sobieski, WI 54171

Visit our website at www.LakeMetongaWI.org during the year for updates and announcements